

## Homecoming draws poor turnout

By Heather Ibbotson

Conestoga College's 25th Anniversary Homecoming festivities which were set to go off with a bang ended instead with a whimper due to poor turnouts.

Approximately 100 people picked up registration packages out of an estimated 13,000 alumni who received information on the college's first Homecoming celebration.

Organizers, who had been planning for the Oct. 23 to 25 event since March, expressed disappointment at the low attendance but said those who did show up enjoyed themselves.

"It was still a success," said Mary Wright, manager of alumni affairs, "and the people who came gave us positive responses."

Wright said she was unable to provide any profit and loss figures until a later date. The entire event was funded by the college.

The highlight of the weekend, an "Elvis Lives" dinner-dance, attracted only about 110 participants, said Wright, out of a possible 800 tickets available.

A combination of factors, including the current economic climate, the just-finished Oktoberfest celebrations and conflict with the sixth and final game of the World Series, may have contributed to the poor turnout, said Wright.

"When we planned it, we didn't feel it (the timing) would be an issue."

The weekend began with an alumni "Biz Bash" held in the



Mark Lorentz, CarolAnn Green and Mary Wright help out at Homecoming by manning the memorabilia sales table.

(Photo by Heather Ibbotson)

Doon campus cafeteria Oct. 23, attended by about 60 people, Wright said.

Organizers realized early the next morning that attendance would be low as only 45 paying customers partook of a pancake breakfast in the cafeteria.

The scheduled price of \$3.95 for registered participants and \$6.45 for others was changed to \$3.95 for everyone.

Jackie Van Trigt, unit manager

for Beaver Foods Ltd. at the Doon campus cafeteria, said many customers who arrived for the pancake breakfast held Oct. 24 and the anniversary brunch on Oct. 25, were Homecoming volunteers who ate for free.

Other scheduled events included See Reunion, Page 8

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### Dishing it out

Becky Boertien, DSA activities co-ordinator, and Jennifer Crane, assistant activities co-ordinator, dish out some 25th anniversary cake, Oct. 23.

(Photo by Natasha Sweeney)

## Computer lab to help upgrade skills

By Heather Ibbotson

A \$100,000-computer lab, the only one of its kind in the Kitchener-Waterloo area, was officially opened at the Doon campus on Oct. 20.

The UNIX lab, housed in the Student-Client Services Building, has been operating since September as the centre of instruction for the technicians and technologists skills updating program.

UNIX is a computer operating program — similar but more advanced and complex than DOS — which allows for "multi-tasking and multi-users," said program co-ordinator Mike Verwey.

Multi-tasking means the program is able to run multiple types of application software simultaneously. The term "multi-user" means more than one person can use the central processing unit (CPU) at the same time.

The official opening allowed about 20 instructors, students and guests time to poke around at the 12 computer work-stations; admiring the brilliant color monitor displays of fractal geometry and testing the audio sound boards which make a variety of sounds from birds chirping to that of a flushing toilet.

The lab and course curriculum, both funded by the Ministry of Skills Development, were designed specifically for industrial techni-

cians and technologists who are currently employed but who require or desire updating, said Verwey.

The program consists of a series of seven courses which familiarize students with the UNIX program, from a basic introduction to networking, graphics and advanced applications.

Verwey said about 20 students are currently enrolled in the program, including employees of J.M. Schneider Inc., Uniroyal Goodrich Canada Inc., and Canada Post, as well as two computer staff members from Conestoga College. "This program will provide leading-edge training to technicians and technologists," he said.

Tom Ludwig, one of two employees of J.M. Schneider Inc. enrolled in the program, said UNIX is "fantastic." It is an "evolutionary step" in the world of computers, he said.

Tim Williams, a full-time Doon campus instructor who will be

*"This program will provide leading edge training to technicians and technologists."*

— Mike Verwey

teaching an upcoming course, said UNIX is now the "industry standard" in the engineering field and those enrolled in the program will find it "directly applicable" to the industrial sector.

The technician and technologists skills updating program began in 1987 and is available to all community colleges in Ontario.

Pat Poirier, a program assistant with the Ministry of Skills Development, said the updating program has a current budget of \$3 million and that more than half of Ontario's 23 colleges are offering courses through it.

Richard Tillman, program co-ordinator with the Ministry of Skills Development, said this type of program is becoming urgently needed because of the speed with which modern technology is changing.

He said, that by current estimates, college and university technology graduates are becoming outdated in as little as three years following graduation.

Programs such as this, he said, are needed to keep people current and to help them upgrade their skills.

The UNIX program is just one of several Conestoga programs funded by the Ministry of Skills Development. In 1991-92, the Ministry provided the college with \$476,000 in training funds, said Tillman, and has contributed \$261,000 so far this year.

## Conestoga support staff ratify two-year contract

By Troy Bridgeman

Support staff at Conestoga and other Ontario colleges ratified a two-year collective agreement Oct. 1, giving them a one per cent wage increase in the first year and two per cent in the second.

Of Conestoga's 281 eligible voters, 226 votes were cast. Of those who voted, 80 per cent endorsed the agreement, with no spoiled ballots.

The college system-wide average was 54 per cent in favor, 45 per cent against and 20 spoiled ballots with 72 per cent of the eligible votes cast.

Under the new contract, a cost-of-living allowance (COLA) will be introduced in the second year of the contract.

The COLA clause provides for adjustments to wages if the consumer price index exceeds three per cent.

The contract provides for coverage for crown and bridge work in the first year and in the second year the maximum allotted for that coverage will be raised to \$2,000 per year.

Support staff had argued that

they were the only employees in the college system who did not have crown and bridge coverage.

Adjustments to the short term disability plan allow support staff to bank unused days from the annual eight-day entitlement. Unused days, at the end of the first contract year, can be used in the second year of the contract. Amendments have been made to cover the repair and maintenance of hearing aids and, in the second year, the maximum on extended health insurance claims have been removed.

The college has doubled its contribution to the employment stability fund from \$25 per year per employee to \$50 per year, and improvements have been made to the language and administering of the fund. The agreement protects employees from being replaced by "contracting out" unless the contractor agrees to employ the laid-off employees "at comparable terms and conditions of employment." The notice period for layoffs has been extended to 90 calendar days.



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## American pride goeth before Atlanta's fall



By Sandra Schuett

Americans are so full of themselves that they ignore what goes on in the rest of the universe, particularly Canada.

The marine who proudly paraded about Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium with our flag flapping upside down at a recent World Series baseball game was guilty of more than a silly error; he confirmed on international television what most Canucks already know — that Americans are clueless when it comes to their northern neighbors.

So the flag incident wasn't that big of a deal, but a CBS broadcaster's corny "better bring my parka to the SkyDome" joke and continuous camera close-ups of some knucklehead's "World Series, eh!" poster were enough to make Tom Cochrane and the entire country whimper.

For years, I have been amazed at the false folklore most U.S. citizens have created about us, and watched sheepishly as American movies and media depicted us as a nation of toque-wearing, back bacon-eating farmers.

Sometimes their ignorance seems amusing. I admit to chuckling once or twice at the occupants of a car with New York state licence plates — skis mounted on top, in the middle of July. But endless comparisons to Bob and Doug MacKenzie and one too many igloo references have left most citizens of the True North with less than glowing hearts.

I'm not suggesting that every American should be forced to watch old reruns of the Beachcombers, extensively research habits of the "great Canadian beaver" or devote shrines to Alan Thicke, but a little common understanding would be nice.

After all, it is only fair. People on this side of the border have been saturated with American culture for years. Our cities are only rated by likenesses to some American counterpart, and most Yankees assume Toronto is the only city in the entire nation.

Sometimes, I think Canadians know more about the U.S. than they know about themselves. Most American high school students can't point out where they are on a map, but name me almost any American city, and I can tell you what state it is in.

People accuse Canadians of having an inferiority complex, but wouldn't they feel slightly uneasy about having Stompin' Tom Connors as a national hero?

I prefer to refer to our conservative nature as respectful and classy. We do not need to rely on pushy patriotism or heavy-handed hooliganism to express our pride; we do it with sentimental style.

So to all our American friends out there, let me clarify a few things. Yes, we really do put vinegar on our french fries, candy floss is not a warped Canadian dentist's joke, and the Mounties always do get their man.

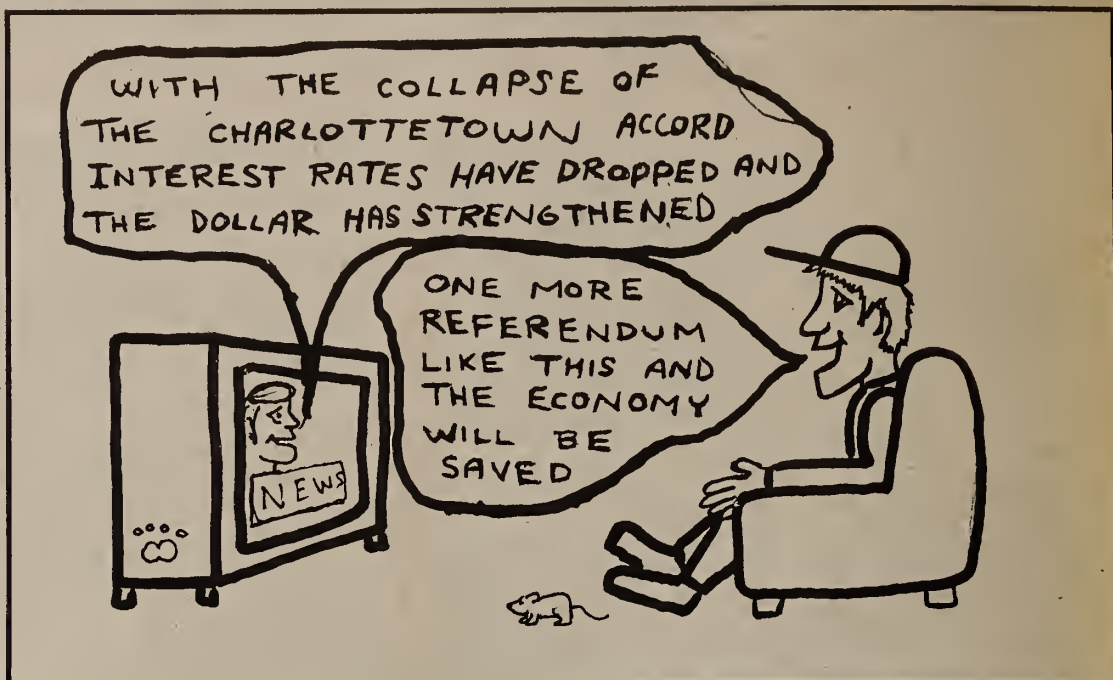
Yankees are always so damn proud, but poverty, racism and violence are nothing to boast about. Give me Canada any day.

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# OPINION



## Drawing the line at prejudice



By Kim Louie

The Canadian government was fully justified in barring David Irving from entering Canada, and this action by Immigration Canada brings to light an important question facing all democratic societies: Should governments regulate what society views, hears and reads?

Irving is a controversial British historian who contends that the number of Jews killed during the Holocaust has been greatly exaggerated. He has been called a Hitler apologist and a Holocaust denier by national and local media.

Irving is scheduled to appear at a speaking engagement in November, hosted by the owner of European Sound Imports in Kitchener, but he was recently barred from entering Canada on the grounds that there is reason to believe he may commit a crime by publicly inciting hatred against an identifiable group.

Irving and others like him, including Ernst Zundel and Jim Keegstra, profess their rights to freedom of speech, a freedom that is the foundation of any democratic society. Unfortunately, they take this "right" and corrupt its intent by using it to attack a particular group — Jews.

There will always be restrictions on certain freedoms because it is only natural for freedoms to be abused. In Canada, it is illegal to libel or slander any person by publicizing information that is damaging to a person's

reputation, even if it is unintended.

The legislation under which Zundel and Keegstra were charged and convicted is partially aimed at preventing racism.

It is only natural for governments to enforce legislation to protect groups of people, just as libel and slander laws protect individuals.

If everybody were able to separate fact from fiction, society would be open to all ideas, allowing us as a whole to determine the truth without the impingement of bias and the appeal to emotion.

But it is often difficult to determine the truth, particularly when the "truth" is no more than conjecture given credence by a good orator and writer.

Racism is a construct of prejudice and emotion. When people read or hear their biases expressed, it only reinforces their own views.

By barring Irving from entering Canada, the government is preventing an increase in racial tension. It will certainly not end racism, but it will help loosen the stranglehold.

In the future, people may have the knowledge and understanding to consistently determine truth from conjecture. But until then, government must have the power to determine where to draw the line. We live in a democratic country and we choose representatives to make decisions. Through the democratic process, we ourselves determine where to draw the line.

At least this time we made the right decision.

## Students need counsel, not condoms



By Lori Liphard

If teenagers are too embarrassed to buy condoms at a drug store, they are not mature enough to have sex.

The controversy over Roman Catholic teenagers wanting condom machines installed in high school washrooms is unnecessary.

Why? In most stores, condoms are easily purchased. But, according to the Kitchener-Waterloo Record, St. Mary's high school students are concerned some local stores will not sell condoms to people under 18. They also think condom machines in high schools "would be handier and less embarrassing to use than local stores."

But the Catholic church encourages chastity and is against condom use.

The fact is that some teenagers will have sex, whether premarital sex is against their values or not.

What the Catholic high school students need is counselling, not condoms, to help prevent pregnancies, AIDS and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), which is what school board trustee Kalita Stemmler wants.

According to an Oct. 17 Record article, one student said "too many students are already pregnant. If no one talked about it, then more girls would be pregnant."

Because Catholicism is against premarital sex, would it not make sense that parents, priests and separate school trustees discourage students from having sex before marriage?

Installing condom machines will only encourage students to engage in sexual intercourse.

In an Oct. 19 Record article, Rev. L.A. Keasey, the bishop's representative for the 60 parish priests in Waterloo Region, said teenagers experience hormonal, physical and emotional changes "and need to know how to deal with them in the context of what they see in the world, and in the context of Christian morality."

Keasey said the problem cannot "be left totally up to the schools, and parents have to take responsibility for teaching a non-biased, faithful, accurate Christian morality." According to the Record, Keasey said "parents, priests and trustees should help them (students) broaden their knowledge of moral values."

Students should listen to parents, priests and trustees. And vice versa. The problem needs to be dealt with. One group should not take total control of the decision. Teenagers are bombarded with sexual images every day from society and the media.

Condoms are not 100 per cent effective. They merely reduce the risk of pregnancy and of contracting an STD.

Abstinence is, after all, the safest way to avoid the risk of pregnancy, STDs and AIDS.

According to the Record, a 16-year-old youth, who did not want to give his name, said those who oppose the idea "are still thinking we're little kids but we're not. 'We're grown up but they don't want us to.'"

A 16-year-old might think he or she is responsible enough to have sex and, yes, it is the '90s, but grow up.



# Replacement doctor fills in at Doon campus

By Lori Liphard

Dr. Louise Lefebvre is replacing Dr. Jodie Wang in the Doon campus Health Services because Dr. Wang gave birth to a boy, Oct. 2.

Dr. Lefebvre started working at Doon, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Fridays.

Dr. Lefebvre will be at the Doon campus until Oct. 30, and she may be in Nov. 10, said Marilyn Fischer, senior nurse at Health Services.

Fischer said because Dr. Lefebvre

has vacation plans set for the first week in November, Health Services may be without a doctor for that week.

Fischer said, as of Oct. 20, she still had not heard from Dr. Wang, so she said she would call again (Oct. 22).

The baby was born six weeks premature, but "she (Dr. Wang) appears to be okay," Fischer said.

While Dr. Lefebvre is working at Doon, she also works at the Wilfrid Laurier University Health Services

on a part-time basis.

Fischer said Dr. Lefebvre was the doctor scheduled to replace Dr. Wang when she gave birth.

Fischer said the night of Oct. 1, at about 9:30 p.m., she received a call from Dr. Wang while she was in the delivery room, saying, "Guess where I am?"

The same night, after the call from Dr. Wang, Fischer said she called Dr. Lefebvre, who was able to rearrange her schedule to come into the Health Services the next day,

but could not arrive before 10 a.m.

Fischer said that on Oct. 2, a hepatitis B clinic was scheduled at Doon, as well as appointments from 9 a.m. straight through to 11:30 a.m.

Health Services had to re-schedule appointments because Dr. Lefebvre could not arrive earlier, so appointments were re-scheduled between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The scheduling changed slightly because normally Dr. Wang is at Doon between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

## Mature students take control of their lives

By Kari-Ann Puckering

Taking control of their lives and thoughts is what a group of mature students set out to do at a meeting held Oct. 22 in the Guild Room on the Doon campus.

Returning to school is often difficult after a long absence. "Devise tricks for yourself to see how you would learn best," said Regis Col-

adipietro, president of the Mature Student Association, during a seminar called Tricks to Avoiding the Clutter.

The seminar focused on taking the time to sort through and organize strands of thought.

Coladipietro compares taking ideas into your mind to sorting them in a filing cabinet.

"Empty all thoughts from your

head and then organize them to come back to later," said Coladipietro.

Empty your thoughts, completely relax and take a deep breath, she said.

"Visualization is a good introduction when really stressed," Coladipietro said. Picturing a favorite place, or something pleasant, helps to zero in and will help students

concentrate and clear their minds.

The Mature Student Association gets together twice a month to discuss the problems that they may encounter as the school year moves on. The group meets again on Nov. 19 and welcomes interested people. Robert Bamford, will be the guest speaker for the next meeting where he will be discussing stress management.

## Euchre enthusiasts meet

By Natasha Sweeney

Euchre enthusiasts met Oct. 21 for a monthly tournament held by the Doon Student Association (DSA) in the lounge.

Eight of the 10 teams signed to play showed up for the tournament in which the winning team of Michelle Martin and Pam Marchese received cooler bags and hats.

Euchre player Anne Delbridge, from the computer programmer-analyst program (CPA), said playing euchre is addictive. "We play virtually every day," she said, "at least one game."

"It's a good way to relax," said Delbridge, who "just plays for fun."

Delbridge said four hours was the longest she has played euchre.

Fellow player Debbie Betts, also a CPA student, said they don't play in other tournaments.

"We used to do the tournament sponsored by the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre," said Betts, "but they haven't done that lately."

Betts said she and Delbridge were once in the lounge "playing cards till 9 p.m. until they kicked us out because the lounge was closing."

John Linington, a CPA student who also played in the tournament,

agreed that euchre is addictive. The longest amount of time he said he played was five hours.

He gets together with friends, "just to play euchre," he said.

Linington said playing euchre is fun and "it gives us a little bit of a challenge."

Becky Boertien, DSA activities co-ordinator, came up with the idea of having a monthly tournament after holding two tournaments last year that went well.

Boertien said that player points will be recorded "and at the end of the year there will be a grand prize."



### Happy 25th

Kitchener-Wilmot MPP Mike Cooper presents Conestoga president John Tibbits with an anniversary certificate signed by Premier Bob Rae, Oct. 25.

(Photo by Sandra Schuett)

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## Academic award named after instructor

By Garry Erb

Surprise was the order of the day at a retirement party held in honor of Grant Glennie, one of the founders and the first chairman of the Woodworking Centre of Ontario, on Oct. 19 at the Golf Steak House in Kitchener.

Glennie's surprise came from the fact he knew nothing about an award which John Buss, a faculty member of the Woodworking Centre at Doon, had made in Glennie's honor.

The award took the place of the Deilcraft award and held special significance for Glennie who worked for the Deilcraft company for many years as a quality controller.

The award will be given to the student who achieves the highest level of academic success in the product design and development and production design courses.

The award plaque, along with a picture of Glennie, were presented to Glennie, by Buss at the gala event attended by 65 well-wishers.

Both plaque and picture can be seen at the Woodworking Centre on the Doon campus.

Other speakers during the evening were John Tibbits, president of Conestoga College; George Sinclair, executive president of the Ontario Furniture Manufacturing Association; Buss; and the master of the ceremonies, Peter Findlay.

Glennie responded with a surprise of his own as he called Mary McElwain, administrative assistant at the Woodworking Centre to the podium.

Glennie said he remembers walking over to the Woodworking Centre, which was under construction at the time, and telling McElwain that he was "going to need a lot of help."

McElwain told him that she would help him all she could,



The new Grant Glennie award sits beside portrait of Glennie in Woodworking Centre.

(Photo by Garry Erb)

Glennie said, "and she did."

Glennie then presented McElwain with a picture of a leopard as a thank you for all the work she did. "I thought I was going to faint," McElwain said.

Glennie said he has two dreams. The first is to see the entrance way of the Woodworking Centre redecorated in such a way that people entering the facility can see what is being produced at the centre.

The second is to see the Conestoga wagon become a symbol of the Kitchener-Waterloo region.

Glennie wondered if a glass case, in which the Conestoga wagon could sit, could be constructed and placed in a prominent position along Highway 401.

"Then the thousands of people driving along that road would come to identify the K-W region with the wagon," he said.

Glennie suggested another way of introducing the Conestoga wagon as a symbol of the K-W region would be to have the wagon placed on the roof of the Woodworking Centre.

## Award banquet honors engineering students

By Troy Bridgeman

Conestoga's mechanical engineering program recognized 13 second- and third-year students during its annual awards banquet held Oct. 10 at the Bingeman Park Lodge.

The 50 in attendance paid \$22 a plate for wiener schnitzel and chicken and watched as those honored received 21 awards from 11 categories.

Garry Pundsack, chairman of the student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), and Melody Roth, a third-year engineering student, were recipients of the Babcock and Wilcox Scholarship.

The two received \$1,250 each and were guaranteed summer jobs with the company in recognition of their leadership abilities and academic achievements.

SME handed out four awards, one each to Randy Pearson for design and analysis, Bryan Redlich for automated manufacturing, Jon Beatty for computer-aided drafting, and John Bonesso for numerical con-

trol.

Three proficiency awards were given for those with the highest grade average; year one, Julius Hofer; year two, Lisa McInstry; and year three, Randy Pearson.

The NCR CAD-CAM Award, acknowledging the best third-year project, went to Randy Pearson for design and analysis, and Bryan Redlich and Peter Rybski for automated manufacturing.

The Lloyd Andrews Memorial Award was presented to Jim Reynolds as the first-year student who was the most helpful to his classmates. Lisa McKinstry and Jon Beatty were presented with the Butler-Conestoga Project Award.

Julius Hofer, Tim Marsden and Jim Reynolds won the Hewlett-Packard award and Karl Krzyz received the Mitutoyo-Conestoga Report award.

Randy Pearson won the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) Award, Garry Pundsack, the leadership award and Donald Kraemer received the faculty award.

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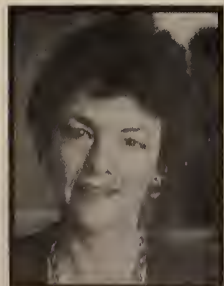
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By Marilyn Snyder



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Marilyn Snyder is a Co-op Placement officer. Her bi-monthly articles will focus on job-readiness issues for students and graduates.



# Accident prevention taught at woodworking centre

By Zen Karp

The Woodworking Centre of Ontario at the Doon campus hosted the Woodworkers' Accident Prevention Association (WAPA) safety seminar Oct. 21 for the third consecutive year.

"We couldn't find a more suitable environment," said Fred Spiro, WAPA administrative consultant.

"We certainly view this as a great partnership for the woodworking industry and the college, because it's a state-of-the-art facility."

Conestoga woodworking instruc-

tors provided all the demonstrations to the 42 woodworking teachers and industrial people, who each paid \$75 plus GST to attend.

The reason for the seminar was stated in a pamphlet produced by WAPA and Conestoga College:

"Due to the number of hand and finger injuries within the woodworking industry, the Woodworkers' Accident Prevention Association has devoted a full day to the safe operation of five most common pieces of equipment used within a woodworking environment."

The demonstrations covered the safe use of the radial arm saw, the chop saw, pin routers, table saws, the hand shaper and hand tools.

One hour was spent on each piece of equipment and the entire demonstration period lasted from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"These demonstrations are not on how to operate (the equipment), but on how to safely use woodworking equipment," said Mark Forgeron, a Conestoga teacher of first-year woodworking shop and post diploma program.

During the seminar, Forgeron

gave a briefing on the safe use of the hand shaper.

Spiro said WAPA is one of 10 safety associations under the umbrella of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association (IAPA).

Although WAPA holds woodworking safety seminars, Spiro said it is the Ontario Ministry of Labor which sets safety standards for work places. "However, the ministry encourages input from organizations such as WAPA," he said.

Don Grainger, a woodworking teacher at Guelph's John F. Ross high school, said, after the seminar,

that although a lot of what was covered was review, it was "good practical experience." He added "the experience has not inspired me to be safer, because I'm already safety conscious."

Steve Mercer, a woodworking technician representing Algonquin College in Perth, also said much of what was covered was review, "but I did pick up a few new things."

Mercer said he will make recommendations for changes in his college's woodworking environment, based on what he learned at Conestoga College.

## Recreation centre at Doon offers variety of sports facilities for rent

By K. Stephen Ross

Rental of recreation centre facilities has been steady since the beginning of the school year, said Paula Feddema, administrative services co-ordinator.

"The majority of rentals, about 60 per cent, have been by off campus community interest groups," said Feddema.

All prime time (during the week after 4 p.m. and all day on weekends) for the arena has been booked, said Feddema, however,

students can get a reduced rate of \$45 an hour between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

There have been about two rentals of the gym a week, said Feddema. There is no charge during the day but rentals should be made ahead of time and require a \$15 deposit. The deposit is returned when the group shows up.

There are free fitness classes for students and centre members. They run from 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from

4:40 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

For those interested in basketball or badminton, the gymnasium is divided into two sections when there is nothing going on. This is basically on a drop-in basis and there is no charge.

Feddema said the number of rentals is comparable to last year's totals for the same time period.

She expects rentals to start picking up because this is the time of year for indoor soccer and ball hockey.

## Comedian attracts a large audience

By Natasha Sweeney

Conestoga College had a high turnout for a nooner on Oct. 20, in which Mike Wilmot performed his comedy act in the cafeteria.

The audience was shocked and amused as a dishevelled Wilmot joked about a variety of things from drugs to sex.

Halfway through his act, Wilmot lit a cigarette on stage after telling the audience, "this is not your normal lunchtime entertainment."



Mike Wilmot

Wilmot joked about riding on a train and falling asleep on someone's shoulder, realizing you've drooled on their shoulder.

Wilmot then proceeded to joke about religion, which he said is "sexist" because God is painted as a man.

He also joked about ways that guys can bluff their way into heaven. He told tales of water skiing, which turned into face skiing, and said that girls giggling nearby make guys try to show off.

After his performance, Wilmot said that the students "were a lot of fun. They got right into it (the act) near the end."

Wilmot, who has performed at the college before, said he likes Conestoga. If he doesn't like a gig, he doesn't do it, he said.

Wilmot, from Toronto, started performing eight years ago and performs at the Laff Resort in Toronto and in clubs across Canada.



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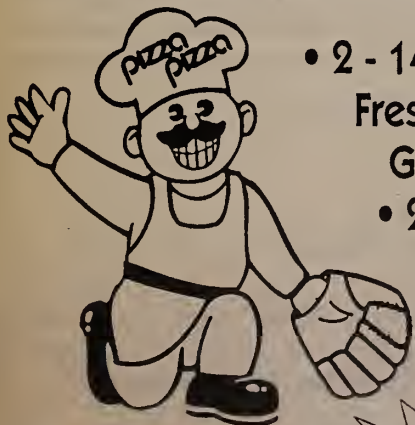
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# Men's soccer squad more confident about next season

By David Maybury

The Conestoga Condor men's soccer squad dropped their final game of the season 6-0 to Fanshawe College on Oct. 19, finishing the season with a 0-6-2 record and narrowly missing the playoffs.

"It just got embarrassing," said head coach Geoff Johnstone. "It is the worst loss I can remember us having in probably 15 years."

Although trailing Fanshawe throughout the game, the Condors continued to fight back, pressing the visitors and attacking the ball. Down 3-0 at halftime, the Con-

dors were basically out of the game. "We only scored three goals all season," Johnstone said.

The Condors had many opportunities to catch up, but the ball just wouldn't go in, Johnstone said. Their shots were repeatedly kicked high, wide or right of the goalkeeper, a trend which plagued the

squad throughout the season.

"I should have played today more cautiously and eked out a win," Johnstone said. "Instead, we just went for it. The cautious way of play we developed over the season was working of late. This loss was my fault." But Johnstone is confident about the next outdoor season.

"We have a good nucleus coming back again next season," said Johnstone. "They will have been around the league once, and will play better next year."

The men move indoors in preparation for the winter's indoor season. They start practices in January and tournament play in March.

## Condors are winners in divisional playoffs

By David Maybury

The Conestoga Condor women's soccer club defeated Redeemer College 2-0 in Ancaster Oct. 24 in divisional playoffs, earning a berth in the Ontario soccer playoffs.

The Condors, who finished the season with a record of 7-1-1, claimed a share of first place with Fanshawe College, which had the same record. The Condors dropped to second place when goals were taken into consideration. "We have the same number of points on the season, but they scored more goals than we did," said assistant coach Vince Alviano. Robin Butler paced the squad with a shutout while Jen McKnight and Chris Westland supplied the offensive punch. "Laura Fuhler also played well," Alviano said. "She played one of her best games ever for us."

The teams played to a scoreless

tie in the opening half, but Conestoga surged ahead in the second half.

**"It was just a well-played game all around, and a great season."**

— Alviano

"The defence held up again, and we earned our second trip to the Ontario championships in two years," Alviano said. "It was just a well-played game all around, and a great season."

The Condors were scheduled to travel to Belleville Oct. 30 and 31 to compete in the provincial championships. "I think we can win it," Alviano said. "It all depends on how the other teams play. This is the best of the divisions, but we've been there before."

## Contact hockey league looking for entries

By K. Stephen Ross

A new set of intramural activities has begun at Conestoga College.

Men's ball hockey, co-ed volleyball, co-ed broomball and men's and women's indoor soccer began Oct. 26 and will run until Dec. 10.

According to Barb McCauley, athletic programs co-ordinator at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre, the interest in this round of intramurals has been very high.

"We have eight teams signed up for ball hockey, three teams for broomball and four teams for both men's and women's indoor soccer," said McCauley. "The most interest was in co-ed volleyball where we had to stop taking entries after 14 teams due to a lack of court time."

These sports are those that generally draw big numbers, said McCauley, so she is not surprised at the amount of interest shown.

However, she said she is surprised at the low interest in men's contact

hockey.

"As of Oct. 23, there were only three teams signed up for the contact league."

We are still looking for more entries," said McCauley. "We have extended the deadline for entries until Nov. 6."

McCauley said, if the interest is there, a non-contact division could be set up. "We are not adverse to

this idea; however, the numbers have to be there."

There will also be an intramural team of the month picked from the registered teams, based on its participation and sportsmanship.

Selections will be made by McCauley and game officials. "This gives teams the opportunity to see themselves in the school paper if they do well."

## Hockey Condors defeat Fleming 7-2

By K. Stephen Ross

The men's hockey Condors took two exhibition games from Sir Sanford Fleming by identical 7-2 outcomes in Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association (OCAA) action Oct. 3 and Oct. 7.

Condor Dave Long possessed a hot hand for his team, scoring a total of 13 goals in four games. Long scored two goals in the Oct.

3 contest at Sanford Fleming, with Darren Kinnear, Kevin Thurston, Brent Cavannaouh and Brad Trussler rounding out the scoring.

Joe Hughes and Sebastian Chevrier scored one goal each for Fleming in a losing effort.

The game featured solid hustle by the Condors and good goaltending by the Condor tandem of Brett Graham and Chris Kworn, said head coach Ron Woodsworth.

Despite being outshot 44 to 34, the Condors were able to put the puck in the net.

In the second game, played at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre, Long led Condor's scoring with a hat trick. Other goal scorers for the Condors were Darrin Francis with two, and Chris Radley and Jason Turner with one apiece. John Vallgeirs responded for Fleming with a two-goal performance.

## Athletes of the Week

Junior Hamilton of the men's basketball Condors has been named male athlete of the week. Hamilton, enrolled in the accounting program, led his team to victory over Kingston in the Durham Tip Off Tournament with 11 points.

Laura Fuller of the women's soccer Condors has been named female athlete of the week. Fuller, enrolled in the nursing program, played well defensively in Conestoga's victory over Redeemer College.



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# Conestoga's Homecoming pub kicks off events

By Kim Louie

Not all former students who attended Conestoga College's 25th anniversary homecoming were full-time students. Karen von Knobloch took courses part-time in 1972 and 1973 at Doon campus while enrolled in the Kitchener-Waterloo School of Nursing.

"I was here in biology class when the Canada Cup was won (1972)," Knobloch said at the Doon pub Oct. 23, the opening night of Homecom-

ing which ran to Oct. 25.

Knobloch said not much has changed since she left 19 years ago, particularly in the cafeteria and the lounge where she and her friends used to "hang out."

Bob Coleman, of St. Marys, graduated from Doon's business admin-



Jane Querin

istration program in 1975. He is currently the general manager of a small insurance company.

Coleman said his reasons for participating in the Homecoming were to get in touch with classmates who graduated with him and "particularly to see the teachers."

The 25th Anniversary Homecoming opened with pubs at all four campuses, Doon, Waterloo Guelph and Stratford. The Doon pub, held in the main cafeteria, was promoted as Conestoga's first ever Alumni

Biz Bash and began at 8 p.m. on Oct. 23. Although it was dubbed as a Biz Bash, the pub was open to alumni from all programs, as well as faculty and guests.

During the first two hours, pub attendance was low, but by 10 p.m. nearly 60 people were at the pub, catching up on the past.

Jane Querin, chair of the Homecoming committee, said she expected a slow start because this was Conestoga's first Homecoming, but she added that about 200 people

pre-registered and she estimated 700 to 800 as the total turnout for the weekend.

Querin, who graduated from Conestoga's recreational leadership program in 1975, said there were about 100 alumni volunteers and 90 current faculty members who would be helping out throughout the weekend.

Entertainment was provided by Prestige Disc Jockey service of Kitchener and the music ranged from classic rock to rap and top-40.

## Karaoke Crooners

Homecoming visitors stars for a day

By Troy Bridgeman

Conestoga students and employees, past and present, performed as karaoke crooners during Homecoming weekend's Oct. 24, Blast From the Past.

The three-hour event was opened by Norm Bertrand, Doon Student Association (DSA) vice-president from 1982 to '85, and Paul J. Buttinger, DSA entertainment coordinator from 1983 to '85.

Bertrand and Buttinger reminisced about their days at the college and the events they organized.

Bertrand, a claims supervisor with Gore Mutual Insurance in Cambridge, said, "We had a pub every Thursday and a nooner every month. The events were so successful that we often had to turn people away at the door."

He said some of their most successful events included comedian

Marty Bear and pop stars, Corey Hart and Gowen.

Many of the 50 in attendance lent their lyrical interpretations, as closet lounge lizards, to a variety of pop standards and received Homecoming mugs for their bravery.

Wilf Naverrete, a 1975 graduate of Conestoga's mechanical design drafting program, who is now a teacher with the Toronto Board of Education, was joined by his wife Sandy on stage to perform, appropriately, The Beatles' Yesterday.

Monica Himmelman, president of the Alumni Association, and Catherine Carney, a 1990 social services graduate, sang When I'm 64. Teri Bryce-Cobean, a 1985 accounting graduate, sang The Rose while her husband Tom and eighteen-week-old son, Dustin, looked on. Cobean is an accountant with the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association.



Conestoga College security and housekeeping staff sing for the Blue Jays at the Karaoke sing-along Oct. 24.

(Photo by Heather Ibbotson)

Other performers included: Rockin' John MacKenzie, vice-president of human resources and student development, Sheila Macleod, liaison officer with Conestoga, Tim Marsden and Teus Streef, mechanical engineering students, and Mary Wright, manager

of alumni affairs.

A highlight of the afternoon was a televised performance of Take Me Out to the Ball Game by Bob Gilberts and Janet Smith from security, and members of Conestoga's custodial staff, which was later broadcast on CKCO TV

news.

The winner of the karaoke competition was Sharon Slater, a 1990 journalism graduate and alumni association publicity and promotions volunteer, who was presented, by Bertrand, with a Homecoming sweatshirt.

## Stratford staff disappointed with Homecoming turnout

By Garry Erb

Disappointment but not despondency was what staff at the Stratford campus felt when only 12 people showed up for an open house held as part of Homecoming Oct. 25.

Walley Ebner, supervisor of campus administration at Stratford, said attendance may have been affected by Homecoming events held

at other campuses and people being preoccupied by the Blue Jays' appearance in the final World Series game. Ebner said that there was a 100 per cent turnout of staff from

different programs to answer questions from visitors. Ebner said when members of the planning committee for Stratford's open house got together they had no idea what kind of response to expect.

"It was possible that no one would have shown up," she said.

"The staff here did not allow the lack of people to deter them from enjoying themselves."

Ebner said the staff enjoyed getting together and reminiscing.

"We had hoped for more, but the committee had decided that they would be happy with however many showed up."

## Guelph events draw 30 people

By Lori Liphard

About 30 people turned out at Conestoga College's 25th Anniversary Homecoming at Guelph campus, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 25, said Jennifer Blackie, co-ordinator of the open house for the Guelph campus.

"It's very disappointing," said Blackie, who was asked by Ken Snyder, dean of trades and apprenticeship, to recruit people to help at the event.

Blackie said the poor turnout at the open house was "not entirely unexpected" because there was a small turnout at the alumni pub

held Oct. 23 in the cafeteria at the Guelph campus.

Blackie said, in her opinion, she felt advertising was not specific enough at individual campuses for the Homecoming events.

Blackie lives in Guelph and said she did not see much advertising in the community for the Homecoming at the Guelph campus.

"In retrospect, we probably should have handled our own publicity," she said.

But, Blackie said, the advertising was generalized for the Homecoming.

Blackie said the Homecoming at the Guelph campus was expecting

between 100 and 200 people to attend.

Blackie said there was only a small time frame during which people could come to this year's Homecoming.

She said the last open house Guelph campus had was in 1988 and she said the cafeteria staff reported that about 250 people came.

Blackie said in 1988 the open-house was held between noon and 4 p.m. but it was only a Guelph function.

She said, when organizing the Homecoming, she received co-operation from the staff and faculty in planning the demonstrations.

## Pub and open house attract few to Waterloo

By K. Stephen Ross

Only 10 to 15 people turned out for an open house at Conestoga College's Waterloo campus Oct. 25 for the 25th Anniversary Homecoming weekend.

Sheila McLaren, program co-ordinator and teacher of computer applications at Waterloo campus was disappointed with the low turnout.

Besides the open house, a Homecoming pub drew 30-35 people Oct. 23 at Waterloo campus in the cafeteria.

Donna Runions, campus administrator and chair of the open house committee, said that despite the numbers, everyone who showed up for the pub had a good time.

Along with those who showed up were a couple who spent many

years at Conestoga College, the Waterloo campus in particular.

Ray and Viola Pierce returned for the weekend in hopes of seeing old faces.

Ray, who worked as an electronics and math teacher for 20 years, and Viola, who was a student at the college and later worked in the office, enjoyed their affiliation with the college and the students.

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## Reunion events falter

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an afternoon of karaoke music on Oct. 24 in the main cafeteria which attracted about 40 eager participants, again mostly college staff and Homecoming volunteers.

A campus scavenger hunt which doubled as a self-guided walking tour held Oct. 25 attracted about a dozen participants, but only one, Judy Robinson, of Stratford, dropped off a completed ballot to win a draw for a one-year recreation centre membership.

Rooms throughout the Doon campus's main building were set aside Oct. 24 and 25 as faculty-alumni reunion areas where graduates could drop in and chat with about 90 faculty members who volunteered their time.

Marketing instructor Steve McDonald said he spoke to about a dozen business graduates on Oct. 24. Not many people came, he said, although "those who did made it worthwhile."

Gord Lipke, a construction faculty member who manned the technology programs reunion room Oct. 24, said the low turnout was disappointing. "Walking these halls is a lonely thing," he said, "but I was glad I was here for the one graduate who did come in."

Despite some long faces exhibited by alumni and staff volunteers, Homecoming chair Jane Querin said the event "was good for the college." She called the low attendance "a good beginning."

For future events, Querin said, there would be an attempt made to get more graduates from different years involved in helping to organize specific reunions of classes and programs.

College president John Tibbits expressed disappointment with the turnouts while praising the 15 members of the Homecoming committee and approximately 100 alumni and staff volunteers who, he said, put in a great deal of time and effort during the last eight months.

He said events were well planned and there had been ample advance coverage on local radio stations CFCA FM 105.3 and 570 CHYM FM as well as in the Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Tibbits predicted that at future events — perhaps Conestoga's 30th anniversary — there would be a "greater feeling of belonging" to the college and, therefore, a greater turnout. He said the future consolidation of programs at the Doon campus, such as the business school, as well as the soon-to-be-built college residence, will make a difference at later get-togethers.

Wright said the Homecoming committee will meet later in November to evaluate the weekend and make recommendations about future events.

She said one possibility is to take a more personal approach to a future Homecoming by getting more people involved on a one-to-one basis with other graduates.



Deborah and Paul Cuthill, of Clinton, cut the rug at the Elvis Lives dance.

(Photo by Heather Ibbotson)



'Elvis' made a special appearance at the Homecoming sock hop.

(Photo by Heather Ibbotson)

## Conestoga turns back the clock

By Sandra Schuett

Elvis lived Oct. 24, as Conestoga College celebrated its 25th anniversary with a '50s-style sock hop and dinner at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre.

About 80 people attended the buffet dinner, which began at 6 p.m. and closer to 100, many of them in traditional '50s garb, kicked up their blue suede shoes to oldies provided by CFCA FM 105.3.

The gymnasium was decorated with hula hoops, balloons and imitation records, which dangled from the rafters.

Alumni affairs manager Mary Wright said that 100 people were expected to attend the dinner while the doors would be open to those who wanted to buy or had purchased dance-only tickets.

To kick off the evening, college president John Tibbits spoke

briefly about the college's future. "There is no question," he said, "the college is moving ahead."

He then congratulated the Alumni Association and the Homecoming committee for their efforts in putting the weekend together.

The Alumni Association board of directors also recognized its own on stage and presented one member with a huge anniversary shower curtain. The flashback theme was emphasized with spot dances and a hula hoop contest.

Even those not linked with the college got into the spirit.

Deborah and Paul Cuthill, of Clinton, who were decked out in original saddle shoes and vintage clothing, heard about the celebration on CFCA radio and decided to buy tickets.

Though Deborah graduated from a Conestoga continuing education health care aide course in 1980, she

said she did not know it was the college's anniversary and admitted that the oldies slant was what attracted them.

As 10-year veterans of the oldies dance scene, she said she thought the college made a good effort in putting on the dance.

Two other people who enjoyed the atmosphere of the evening were Sue Miller, a member of the Homecoming committee and an '86 recreational leadership graduate and her uncle, Brian Krueger, of Simcoe, who was a member of the first graduating class of electronic technicians in 1969.

"It doesn't even look the same," said Krueger, who had not visited the Doon campus since his graduation. "It's almost a different campus."

Krueger said his class graduated approximately 12 to 15 people and added that he still works in his chosen field, at Bell Canada.

Miller said she thinks "it's neat" that she and her uncle could share the college's anniversary together. She said that the Homecoming committee was pleased with the dance turnout, but was hoping for more, because a lot of promotion was involved in it.

The night was capped off by the long-awaited appearance of "The King" himself who, in full satin and sequin style, wowed the crowd with karate kicks, gyrating hips and a couple of songs.

## Conestoga graduate clowns around at Homecoming

By Sandra Schuett

Children of all ages were dazzled by Sparkles the Clown who entertained and painted faces in the Doon cafeteria as a part of Homecoming celebrations, Oct. 25.

Sparkles — 1990 social services graduate Ardonna Hewat — said she jumped at the opportunity to perform during Homecoming.

Hewat, who has been in the profession for seven years said, "I was a clown long before I came to Conestoga." But clowning around is only a hobby "grown out of control" for Hewat, who is a case worker for the Region of Waterloo.

Hewat said she has performed at Conestoga before, once during orientation, but that it did not go over well with students. She said she has

worked everywhere from the Sky-Dome to people's rec rooms and often does magic and balloon art at children's birthday parties.

Hewat not only is a recent graduate, but also a former student from the early days of the college. She said she completed one year of the graphic design program in 1970, but dropped out because she was not "ready for college."

Twenty years later she returned to the Doon campus and found things different.

"I can remember the way the college was and I was almost floored when I saw all the changes," she said.

Hewat said back then the college community seemed more like a family because there were so few students.